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LETTER DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 27 September 1993 from Mr. Hamid Yusuf Hammadi, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the continuing violations of Iraqi airspace by United States, British and French aircraft on the pretext of enforcing the imposition by these countries of aerial exclusion zones in northern and southern Iraq in a manner that is unlawful and bears no relation to the resolutions of the Security Council

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 27 September 1993 from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to refer to our letters to you concerning violations of Iraqi airspace by United States, British and French aircraft on the pretext of enforcing the imposition by these countries of aerial exclusion zones in northern and southern Iraq in a manner that is unlawful and bears no relation to the resolutions of the Security Council. Its true purpose has been, and continues to be, to pursue acts of conspiracy and aggression against Iraq and its people and to pose a threat to its security, stability and territorial integrity.

In this connection, I should like to inform you that at 1250 hours on 24 September 1993, United States, British and French aircraft broke the sound barrier over the city of Basra causing violent shock waves that broke the glass in the windows and doors of a large number of dwellings and dislodged some of them. This caused panic among the peaceable residents of the area, and particularly among women and children, who left their homes and went out into the streets for fear of injury from flying slivers of glass.

This fresh act of provocation once more confirms the insistence of the United States and its two allies on maintaining their iniquitous policy of provocation against Iraq and its people. Your intervention is therefore required with a view to bringing an end to the aerial exclusion zones imposed by these countries south of the 32nd parallel and north of the 36th parallel and having these countries halt their violation of Iraq's airspace and desist from interfering in its internal affairs in accordance with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq condemns this latest act of provocation and holds the Governments of the United States and its two allies fully responsible for their aggression against the security and safety of the Iraqi people.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hamid Yusuf HAMMADI
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq